BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Case No. AC-2009-28

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

JAY JEFFREY SHAPIRO 2934 1/2 Beverly Glen Circle #268 Los Angeles, CA 90077 Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 25964.

and

JAY J. SHAPIRO, C.P.A., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 2934 1/2 Beverly Glen Circle #268 Los Angeles, CA 90077 Professional Corporation Certificate No. COR 3652

Respondents:

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on

May 5th, 2010

It is so ORDERED

FOR THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF

ACCOUNTANCY

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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PARTIES

- 1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Scott J. Harris, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondents Jay Jeffrey Shapiro (Respondent Shapiro), and Jay J. Shapiro, C.P.A., A Professional Corporation (Respondent Firm) are represented in this proceeding by attorney Wrenn E. Chais, whose address is: Strook & Strook & Lavan LLP, 2029 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067.
- 3. On or about March 31, 1978, the Board issued Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 25964 to Respondent Shapiro. The Certified Public Accountant Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. AC-2009-28, and will expire on June 30, 2010, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about May 17, 1991, the Board issued Professional Corporation Certificate Number COR 3652 to Respondent Firm. The Professional Corporation Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. AC-2009-28, and will expire on May 31, 2011, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

5. Accusation No. AC-2009-28 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on July 14, 2009. Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. AC-2009-28 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. AC-2009-28. Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

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- 7. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at their own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. AC-2009-28, except, with respect to paragraph 11, lines 25-27 of Accusation No. AC-2009-28, the Board acknowledges that Respondent Shapiro would hold the necessary qualifications and be permitted to practice before the Securities and Exchange Commission as an independent accountant in accordance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, section 102(a).
- 10. Respondent Shapiro and Respondent Firm agree that their Certified Public Accountant Certificate and Professional Corporation Certificate respectively are subject to discipline, and they agree to be bound by the California Board of Accountancy's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the California Board of Accountancy. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the California Board of Accountancy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw from this agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, and, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any

legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 25964, issued to Respondent Jay Jeffrey Shapiro is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent Shapiro is placed on probation for two (2) years pursuant to the terms and conditions contained below. FURTHER, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Professional Corporation Certificate Number COR 3652, issued to Respondent Jay J. Shapiro, C.P.A., A Professional Corporation, is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent Firm is placed on probation for three (3) years pursuant to the terms and conditions contained below.

1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondents shall obey all federal, California, other states' and local laws, including those rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California. Submit Written Reports. Within ten (10) days of completion of the quarter, Respondent Shapiro shall submit on his own behalf, and on behalf of Respondent Firm, written reports to the Board on a form obtained from the Board. Respondent Shapiro shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required on behalf of himself

individually, and on behalf of Respondent Firm. These declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent Shapiro's and Respondent Firm's compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent Shapiro shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be Required by the Board or its representatives on behalf of himself, and Respondent Firm.

- 2. **Personal Appearances.** Respondent Shapiro, individually, and on behalf of Respondent Firm, shall, during the period of Respondents' respective probation periods, appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 3. **Comply With Probation.** Respondents shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the Board and shall cooperate fully with representatives of the Board of Accountancy in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondents' compliance with probation terms and conditions.
- 4. **Practice Investigation.** Respondents shall be subject to, and shall permit, practice investigation of the Respondents' professional practice. Such a practice investigation shall be conducted by representatives of the Board, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 5. **Comply With Citations.** Respondents shall comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the Board of Accountancy.
- Respondent Shapiro should leave California to reside or practice outside this state, Respondent Shapiro must notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the state shall not apply to reduction of the probationary period, or of any suspension for Respondent Shapiro and Respondent Firm. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, reimburse the Board costs, or make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice except at the written direction of the Board.

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- 7. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent Shapiro or Respondent Firm violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondents notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against either Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- 8. **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of their respective probationary periods, Respondent Shapiro's license and Respondent Firms' certificate will be fully restored.
- 9. **Ethics Course/Examination.** Respondent Shapiro shall take and pass with a score of 90 percent or better a Board approved ethics examination within the one year of the effective date of the Board's final decision.

If Respondent Shapiro fails to pass said examination within the time period provided or within two attempts, Respondent Shapiro shall so notify the Board and shall cease practice until Respondent Shapiro takes and successfully passes said exam, has submitted proof of same to the Board, and has been notified by the Board that he may resume practice. Failure to pass the required examination no later than 100 days prior to the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this probation, failure to take and pass this examination within five years of the effective date of this order constitutes a separate cause for discipline of Respondent's license.

- 10. Active License Status. Respondents shall at all times maintain an active license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension. If the license is expired at the time the Board's decision becomes effective, the license must be renewed within 30 days of the effective date of the decision.
- 11. **Cost Reimbursement.** Respondent Shapiro shall reimburse the Board \$4,997.00 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in quarterly payments (due with quarterly written reports) during Respondent Shapiro's two (2) year probation period.

1	randre to pay full cost reimbursement within Respondent Shapiro's two year probation period		
2	shall constitute a violation of probation for both Respondent Shapiro and Respondent Firm.		
3	ACCEPTANCE		
4	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully		
5	discussed it with my attorney, Wrenn E. Chais. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will		
6	have on my Certified Public Accountant Certificate, and the Professional Corporation Certificate		
7	held by Jay J. Shapiro, C.P.A, A Professional Corporation. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement		
8	and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree individually, and on		
9	behalf of Jay J. Shapiro, C.PA., A Professional Corporation, to be bound by the Decision and		
10	Order of the California Board of Accountancy.		
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12	DATED: 1/28/2010 (uy (effery try		
13	JAY JEFFREY SHAPIRO, individually, and on behalf of		
14	JAY J. SHAPIRO, C.PA., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION		
15	Respondents		
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17	I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Jay Jeffrey Shapiro and Jay J. Shapiro,		
18	C.PA., A Professional Corporation, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the		
19	above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.		
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21	DATED: 2/1/10 Thenw Chais		
22	WRENN E. CHAIS Attorney for Respondent		
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: 2/4/10

Respectfully Submitted,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California GLORIA A. BARRIOS Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. AC-2009-28

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. AC-2009-28	
12	JAY JEFFREY SHAPIRO 2934 1/2 Beverly Glen Circle #268		
13	Los Angeles, CA 90077 Certified Public Accountant Certificate	ACCUSATION	
14	No. CPA 25964,		
15	and		
16	JAY J. SHAPIRO, C.P.A., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION		
17	2934 1/2 Beverly Glen Circle #268 Los Angeles, CA 90077		
18	Professional Corporation Certificate No. COR 3652		
19	Respondents.		
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21	Complainant alleges:		
22	PARTIES		
23	1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as		
24	the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
25	2. On or about March 31, 1978, the California Board of Accountancy (Board) issued		
26	Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 25964 to Jay Jeffrey Shapiro (Respondent		
27	Shapiro). Charges of unprofessional conduct were filed against Respondent Shapiro by the Boar		
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in Accusation No. AC-93-9, dated September 25, 1992. On July 1, 1993, the Board's Decision in the matter of Accusation No. AC-93-9 became effective and Certificate No. CPA 25964, issued to Respondent Shapiro, was revoked; however, said revocation was stayed, and Respondent was placed on probation for three years with terms and conditions. Respondent Shapiro's Certified Public Accountant Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2010, unless renewed.

3. On or about May 17, 1991, the Board issued Professional Corporation Certificate Number COR 3652 to Jay J. Shapiro, C.P.A., A Professional Corporation (Respondent Firm). The Professional Corporation Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2009, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 5. Section 5100 of the Code states:

"After notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any permit or certificate granted under Article 4 (commencing with Section 5070) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 5080), or may censure the holder of that permit or certificate for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, one or any combination of the following causes:

"(h) Suspension or revocation of the right to practice before any governmental body or agency.

"(1) The imposition of any discipline, penalty, or sanction on a registered public accounting firm or any associated person of such firm, or both, or on any other holder of a permit, certificate, license, or other authority to practice in this state, by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board or the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or their designees under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or other federal legislation."

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6. Section 5150 of the Code states:

"An accountancy corporation is a corporation which is registered with the California Board of Accountancy and has a currently effective certificate of registration from the board pursuant to the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act, as contained in Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code, and this article. Subject to all applicable statutes, rules and regulations, an accountancy corporation is entitled to practice accountancy. With respect to an accountancy corporation, the governmental agency referred to in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act is the California Board of Accountancy."

7. Section 5156 of the Code states:

"An accountancy corporation shall not do or fail to do any act the doing of which or the failure to do which would constitute unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule or regulation now or hereafter in effect. In the conduct of its practice, it shall observe and be bound by such statutes, rules and regulations to the same extent as a person holding a permit under Section 5070 of this code. The board shall have the same powers of suspension, revocation and discipline against an accountancy corporation as are now or hereafter authorized by Section 5100 of this code, or by any other similar statute against individual licensees, provided, however, that proceedings against an accountancy corporation shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein."

- 8. Section 5063 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) A licensee shall report to the board in writing of the occurrence of any of the following events occurring on or after January 1, 1997, within 30 days of the date the licensee has knowledge of these events:
- (3) The cancellation, revocation, or suspension of the right to practice as a certified public accountant or a public accountant before any governmental body or agency.

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(b) A licensee shall report to the board in writing the occurrence of any of the following events occurring on or after January 1, 2003, within 30 days of the date the licensee has knowledge of the events:

. . . .

- (3) Any notice of the opening or initiation of a formal investigation of the licensee by the Securities and Exchange Commission or its designee."
 - 9. Section 5107, subdivision (a) of the Code states:

"The executive officer of the board may request the administrative law judge, as part of the proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found to have committed a violation or violations of this chapter to pay to the board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees.

The board shall not recover costs incurred at the administrative hearing."

DISCIPLINE BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

- On or about July 29, 2008, the United Stated Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued an Order Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions in Accounting and Auditing Enforcement Release No. 2852 and Administrative Proceeding No. 3-12793 against Respondents. The Order denied Respondent Firm the privilege of appearing or practicing before the SEC as an accountant. Further, the Order censured Respondent Shapiro, but continued to permit Respondent Shapiro the privilege of practicing before the SEC as an independent accountant, provided that the accounting firm with which Respondent Shapiro associates is registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).
- The discipline by the SEC resulted from Respondent Firm's issuance of an audit report dated January 12, 2004 for a public company for the year ended September 30, 2003. In performing the audit, Respondent Firm failed to register with the PCAOB, a violation of Section 102(a) of the Sarbanes Oxley Act, which became effective on October 22, 2003. As a result, it was determined by the SEC that Respondent Shapiro and Respondent Firm did not possess the requisite qualifications to represent a public company before the PCAOB.

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- 12. The SEC Order includes the following findings:
- a. Respondent Firm audited the 2003 financial statements of Daleco, a Nevada Corporation, which were included in Daleco's annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003, filed with the SEC on January 14, 2004.
- b. Respondent Firm prepared and issued an audit report dated

 January 12, 2004, which was included in Daleco's Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended

 September 30, 2003.
- c. Although Respondent Firm issued the Daleco audit report, it was not registered with the PCAOB.
- d. Respondent Shapiro participated in auditing the 2003 financial statements include in Daleco's annual report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2003, on Form 10-KSB, filed with the SEC on January 14, 2004.
- e. Respondent Shapiro participated in the preparation and issuance of the Daleco report, which was included in Daleco's Form 10-KSB.
- f. Respondent Firm received \$40,800 for conducting the audit of Daleco's 2003 financial statements and for issuing the Daleco audit report on those statements, which was later reimbursed along with \$10,964.72 in interest by Respondents.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Suspension of Practice Before A Governmental Agency – Respondent Firm)

13. Respondent Firm is subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 5100, subdivision (h), 5150 and 5156, in that Respondent Firm's privilege to practice before the SEC, a governmental agency, was suspended or revoked, as more fully discussed in paragraphs 10 through 12, above, which are herein incorporated by reference as set forth in whole.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Imposition of Discipline by Governmental Agency – Respondents Firm and Shapiro)

14. Respondent Firm and Respondent Shapiro are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 5100, subdivision (l), 5150 and 5156, in that the SEC imposed discipline, or sanctions,

on Respondent Firm and Respondent Shapiro, as more fully discussed paragraphs 10 through 12, above, which are herein incorporated by reference as set forth in whole.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report Investigation - Respondents Firm and Shapiro)

sections 5063, subdivision (b)(3), 5050 and 5156, in that Respondent Firm and Respondent Shapiro failed to report to the Board in writing within thirty (30) days the opening or initiation of a formal investigation by the SEC. The circumstances are as follows: Respondents were notified by the SEC through Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-12793 Notice of Hearing dated September 13, 2007 of the SEC investigation, which resulted in discipline by the SEC as more fully discussed in paragraphs 10 through 12, above. Thereafter, Respondents failed to report the opening of the investigation by the SEC to the Board.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report Suspension by SEC - Respondent Firm)

16. Respondent Firm is subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 5063, subdivision (a)(3), 5150 and 5156, in that Respondent Firm failed to report to the Board within thirty (30) days the suspension of the right to practice as a certified public accountant before the SEC, a governmental body or agency, which Respondent Firm learned of on or about July 29, 2008, as more fully discussed in paragraphs 10 through 12, above. Thereafter, Respondent failed to report the suspension to the Board

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Accountancy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 25964, issued to Jay Jeffrey Shapiro;
- 2. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Professional Corporation Certificate Number COR 3652, issued to Jay J. Shapiro, C.P.A., A Professional Corporation;

1	3. Ordering Jay Jeffrey Shapiro and Jay J. Shapiro, C.P.A., A Professional Corporation		
2	to pay the California Board of Accountancy the reasonable costs of the investigation and		
3	enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5107;		
4	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.		
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6	DATED: JUN 1 100 PATTI BOWERS		
7	Executive Officer California Board of Accountancy		
8	Department of Consumer Affairs State of California		
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